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1. The Soviets are building very extensive new spinning and weaving mills in the following cities:

Kamyshin on the Volga (N50-06, E45-24)
Engels on the Volga (N51-30, E46-05)
Stalinabad (N38-30, E68-45)
Barnaul (N53-20, E83-48)
Krasnodar (N45-02, E39-00)
Kherson (N46-40, E32-35)

2. These mills are being equipped with up-to-date looms and dyeing equipment. The bleaching processes will be speeded up ten-fold. Together, the mills will have a yearly output of one million meters of material, mainly consisting of calico, sateen, batiste Scotch plaid, flannel, and velveteen.
3. These materials will be exported at cut prices, particularly to Africa, in order to undersell American products. They will be sold against barter goods or pounds sterling. Exports are expected to start in October 1953.

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